



## Lake Michigan Fact Sheet

# LAKE MICHIGAN PARTNERSHIP DIRECTORY

The desire to protect and restore Lake Michigan has created a number of governmental programs at the international, national, state, tribal and local levels. Recent reorganizations and downsizing have prompted government agencies to seek opportunities for forming partnerships to leverage their scarce resources. The intent of this fact sheet is to present some of the possible international, federal, state and tribal governmental partners involved in Lake Michigan issues, provide brief descriptions of their roles and list contacts for further information. Partners at the local level are key to any successful effort. Unfortunately, all of the possible partners are too numerous to list.

### International Joint Commission

The International Joint Commission (IJC) is an independent organization set up under the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty between the United States and Canada. By virtue of the authority contained within the treaty, the IJC is assigned several responsibilities, one of which is to monitor and assess progress made pursuant to the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

Great Lakes Regional Office Phone: (519) 257-6700

### Great Lakes Commission

The Great Lakes Commission (GLC) is an interstate compact commission comprised of gubernatorial-appointed and legislatively mandated representatives of the eight U.S. Great Lakes states and is the only Great Lakes organization with a statutory mandate to represent its views on comprehensive development, use and conservation of Great Lakes Basin collective aquatic resources.

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### Great Lakes Fishery Commission

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC) was established by the Convention of Great Lakes Fisheries between Canada and the United States, which was ratified in October 1955. The GLFC was formed to handle five general duties: 1) to formulate a research program to determine the need for measures to make possible the maximum sustained productivity of any stock of fish of concern to both countries; 2) to coordinate and/or undertake such research; 3) to recommend appropriate measures on the basis of the findings of the research; 4) to formulate and implement a comprehensive program for the eradication or minimization of sea lamprey populations; and 5) to publish information obtained under its activities.

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## PARTNERS

Agency and Program	Program Descriptions and Agency Responsibilities	Resources Available and Possible Roles	Lake Michigan Contact
Council of Great Lakes Governors	The Council of Great Lakes Governors is a private, non-profit corporation devoted to working cooperatively on public policy issues common to the eight Great Lake states. Since its inception in 1982, the Council has emphasized the benefits of a regional approach to addressing the region's economic needs and the environmental challenges it faces.		Phone: (313) 662-3209 Fax: (313) 741-2010
Great Lakes Protection Fund	The governors of the Great Lakes states created the Great Lakes Protection Fund in 1989, which is the nation's first multi-state environmental endowment. It seeks to become a global model of political and economic cooperation in the management of a shared natural resource. The Great Lakes states have designed the Fund as a \$100 million permanent endowment. The Fund solicits grant proposals for projects, in participating states, which demonstrate and/or promote regional action to enhance Great Lakes ecosystem health.		Phone: (312) 201-0660 Fax: (312) 201-0683

## FEDERAL PARTNERS

Agency and Program	Program Descriptions and Agency Responsibilities	Resources Available and Possible Roles	Lake Michigan Contact
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	<p>Administers educational and regulatory programs designed to protect the environment (prevent and control pollution). Provides environmental assessments, water quality monitoring, regulations and regulatory oversight, education, planning, technical assistance, grants, and loans for pollution control.</p> <p>Works mainly with state, federal, regional, tribal, and local agencies on pollution control efforts.</p>	<p>Staff, information, and data; laboratories and research facilities; grants and loans for pollution control; educational materials; and monitoring equipment.</p> <p>Offices located in 10 regional centers and Washington, D.C.</p>	<p>Great Lakes National Program Office Phone: (312) 886-4040 Fax: (312) 353-2018</p> <p>Lake Michigan Team Phone: (312) 353-3849 Fax: (312) 886-2737 beck.judy@epamail.epa.gov 1-800-621-8431</p>
U.S. Department of Commerce-National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	<p>Administers programs in cooperation with states to inventory and manage coastal resources.</p> <p>Funds and performs basic research and assessment relating to coastal eutrophication.</p> <p>Maintains data base for agricultural pesticides and nutrient loadings.</p>	<p>Funds to state coastal programs.</p> <p>Staff for technical assistance. Data, reports, and educational materials.</p> <p>Occasionally administers funds for special demonstration projects.</p>	<p>Lake Michigan Field Station Ecosystem monitoring Phone: (616) 759-7842</p>
NOAA-Coastal Zone Management Act Programs (CZMA)	<p>Administers a quasi-regulatory coastal protection program (in cooperation with EPA) that sets performance-based management measures for control and prevention of nonpoint source pollution in coastal areas for all land-use activities.</p>	<p>Staff for technical assistance.</p> <p>Funds for plan development.</p>	<p>IN Dept. of Natural Resources Phone: (317) 232-1106 Fax: (317) 233-4579 MI Dept. of Environmental Quality: Phone: (517) 373-1950 Fax: (517) 335-3451 WI Dept. of Administration Phone: (608) 267-7982 Fax: (608) 267-6931</p>
NOAA-SEA Grant	<p>University-based program designed to support greater knowledge and wise use of Great Lakes resources.</p>	<p>Staff network of advisory agents, researchers, and educators</p> <p>Funds for research and workshops</p>	<p>WI: Phone: (608) 262-0905 Fax: (608) 263-2063 IL/IN: Phone: (317) 494-3573 Fax: (317) 496-2422 Phil-Pope@aen.purdue.edu MI: Phone: (313) 763-1437 Fax: (313) 647-0768 rmoll@engin.umich.edu</p>

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Agency and Program	Program Descriptions and Agency Responsibilities	Resources Available and Possible Roles	Lake Michigan Contact
U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)	Oversight, management, or monitoring of national natural resources, including land, water, and wildlife.	Staff, maps, reports, demonstration sites, educational materials, and monitoring equipment.  Offices located in Washington D.C. and regional centers with field offices in each management area.	Public Inquiry Line Phone: (202) 208 4747
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)	Technical assistance to tribes on tribal lands mainly for social services.  Some assistance for conservation work and educational programs.  Natural resource inventories and monitoring of ground and surface water.	Maps and natural resource inventories of Indian and tribal lands.  Funds for special projects.  Staff for technical assistance to tribes.	Phone: (612) 373-1143
Fish and Wildlife Service	Oversight and regulation of the nation's wildlife resources. Management of national wildlife refuges, enforcement of federal game and fish laws, cooperative administration of national wetlands program with the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency.  Cooperative projects to enhance wildlife habitat and special studies including fisheries investigations.	Staff for enforcement of Endangered Species Act and other laws on public and private land, research reports and data on habitat, populations, and management of wildlife. Funds for cooperative projects. Educational materials, teacher training, curricula, and maps.	Great Lakes Ecological Services Office Phone: (517) 351-2555 Fax: (517) 351-1443
National Park Service	Administers and manages national parks for preservation of natural resources.	Staff for oversight and administration.  Funds for special studies and occasionally cooperative projects on land adjoining park boundaries	America Outdoors Phone: (414) 297-3693 Fax: (414) 297-3660
U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)	Long-term baseline monitoring of water resources (quantity, flow, and quality), hydrologic and geologic investigations and data, and special intensive short-term studies.	Maps, data, and information on hydrology and water-quality status and trends. Staff for technical assistance in designing a monitoring plan.	Great Lakes Science Center Phone: (313) 994-3331
Department of Transportation- U.S. Coast Guard	Spill Response Ballast water sampling.	Implementation of ballast water sampling in Lake Michigan under the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention and Control Act of 1990 and the National Invasive Species Act of 1996.	Hazardous Waste National Spill Response Center 1-800-424-8802

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE AGRICULTURE (USDA) - MULTIPLE AGENCY  
ADMINISTRATION OF THE 1996 FARM BILL PROGRAM**

Agency and Program	Program Descriptions and Agency Responsibilities	Resources Available and Possible Roles	Lake Michigan Contact
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Program to conserve and protect highly erodible or other environmentally sensitive land from production by putting it in permanent vegetative cover through easements and annual rental payments.	<p>In most cases, responsibilities within these programs are divided among various USDA departments.</p> <p>Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - technical assistance in planning, design, and implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs).</p> <p>Farmers Services Agency (FSA) - Administrative oversight of program and cost-share funding disbursement.</p> <p>Cooperative Extension Service (CES) - Education and information about the variety of conservation and economic choices available.</p> <p>Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) - Research, data, and results of demonstration field trials of new technologies.</p>	Midwest Regional Office Phone: (608) 224-3000 Fax: (608) 224-3010
Wetlands Reserve Program	Program available in states to return drained wetlands to wetland status and protect existing wetlands. Uses same easement/payment method as CRP.		National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) - North Central Office Phone: (715) 341-1022
Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education Program	A practical research, education, and grant program to promote lower input methods of farming.		
U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Army Corps of Engineers (COE)	<p>Oversees construction and operation of large flood control and public water supply reservoirs and conducts water-quality monitoring on lakes within its jurisdiction.</p> <p>Regulates in-lake activities and shoreline development. Cooperatively administers wetlands dredge and fill permit program with EPA and Fish and Wildlife Service.</p> <p>Can enforce permit requirements for wetland BMPs or other mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Maps, special studies, and water-quality monitoring data. Staff and funds for improvement of existing projects. Staff for review and oversight of 404 (wetlands) permits. Field offices located in various districts throughout states. Washington D.C. office.</p> <p>Water Resources Development Acts (WRDA) authorize environmental restoration at certain Great Lakes sites.</p>	North Central Division Phone: (312) 353-6374 Fax: (312) 353-8666 <a href="http://www.usace.army.mil/ncd">http://www.usace.army.mil/ncd</a>

## STATE PARTNERS

Agency and Program	Program Descriptions and Agency Responsibilities	Resources Available and Possible Roles	Lake Michigan Contact
State Water Quality Agencies	Administers many programs for protection of water quality in ground and surface waters, including the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program, water-quality standards regulations, the nonpoint source program, and ambient statewide monitoring programs.	<p>Staff for technical assistance to local governments and individuals implementing BMPs. Water-quality monitoring, data and reports.</p> <p>Funds for pollution control projects and educational materials and programs.</p>	<p>Illinois            Illinois Environmental Protection Agency            2200 Churchill Rd., P.O. Box 19276            Springfield, IL 62794-9276            Phone: (217) 782-3397            24-hour emergency number:            Phone: (217) -782-3637</p> <p><b>Indiana</b>            Indiana Department of Environmental Management            100 N. Senate            P.O. Box 6015            Indianapolis, IN 46206-6015            Phone: 1-800-451-6027            24-hour emergency number:            Phone: (317) 233-7745</p> <p><b>Michigan</b>            Department of Environmental Quality            Box 30473            Lansing, MI 48909            Phone: (517) 373-7917            Environmental Assistance Center:            Phone: 1-800-662-9278            24-hour emergency number (Michigan only):            Phone: 1-800-292-4706</p> <p><b>Wisconsin</b>            Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources            P.O. Box 7921            Madison, WI 53707            Phone: (608) 266-2621</p>

**TRIBAL PARTNERS**

<b>Lake Michigan Contact</b>	<b>Program Description</b>
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resources Commission P.O. Box 314 Manistee, MI 49660 Phone: (616) 723-8288 Fax: (616) 782-6882	Environmental protection for tribal communities is an evolving partnership. U.S. EPA has a trustee responsibility for direct program implementation, and provides grant funds for project, program development. Certain Federal statute provide for tribes to assume program responsibilities under treatment as state provisions.
Little Traverse Band of Ottawa Indians Planning Department 1345 U.S. 31 North P.O. Box 246 Petosky, MI 49770 Phone: (616) 348-3410 Fax: (616) 348-2589	
Hannahville Indian Community N14911 Hannahville B1 Rd. Wilson, MI 49896-9728 Phone: (906) 466-2959 Fax: (906) 466-2933	
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Natural Resources Division 2605 N. West Bayshore Dr. Suttons Bay, MI 49682 Phone: (616) 271-3474 Fax: (616) 271-4230	The Natural Resources Division is responsible for Great Lakes fisheries, inland hunting and fishing, environmental planning and compliance, and conservation enforcement. Staff from the Division participate on the Lake Michigan Forum/Technical Coordination Committee.
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council 7070 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Phone: (517) 772-5700 Fax: (517) 772-3508	

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Lake Michigan Contact	Program Description
Pokaogon Band of Potawatomi 714 N. Front St. Dowagiac, MI 49047 Phone: (616) 782-8998 Fax: (616) 723-8761	
Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin Environmental Department P.O. Box 365 Oneida, WI 54155 Phone: (414) 869-4521 Fax: (414) 869-2194	
Sokaogon Chippewa Community Environmental Department Route 1, P.O. Box 625 Crandon, WI 54520 Phone: (715) 478-2604 Fax: (715) 478-5275	
Menominee Indian Tribe Environmental Services - Menominee Forestry Center P.O. Box 670 Keshena, WI 54135 Phone: (715) 799-3096 Fax: (715) 799-4525	
Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans Environmental Department Route 1 Bowler, WI 54416 Phone: (715) 793-4942 Fax: (715) 793-1307	
Forest County Potawatomi Community P.O. Box 346 Crandon, WI 54520 Phone: (715) 478-7209	